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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated August 29, 2001, enclosed herewith please find the following:

- * Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- * Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application;
- * Check for \$840 to cover the large entity filing fee (\$710) and late filed Declaration surcharge (\$130).

Please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 13-4550.

It is submitted that the enclosed documents satisfy all outstanding filing requirements in this application. A Filing Receipt is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,



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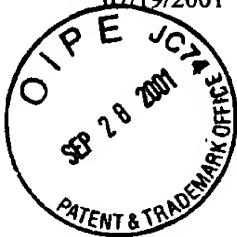
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 840.

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